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Dear Sirs:

If owning the rights to copies of an operating system used by 98% of the computers in the country does not, prima facie, constitute a monopoly, I don't know what does. Imagine that Microsoft owned the rights to the internal combustion engine. Much as with their Windows operating system, they could control most of the peripherals: radios, CD players, tape players, and GPS systems, for example, that General Motors, Chrysler, Ford, Honda, etc. could put into their vehicles. A better analogy might be...suppose Microsoft, owning the rights to the internal combustion engine, decide to engineer their engine so that only the gasoline refined by their own oil company worked well in that engine. What would happen to the other oil companies? They'd be kaput! That's just about what Microsoft is doing. Microsoft is basically anti-competitive, and it is the public who suffers.

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